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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-26 are presented for examination. Applicants were asked to supply documents **material to the patentability of the claims** (paper # 6, section 3). Applicants respond by submitting "a white paper from Parametric Technology Corporation on the Pro/ENGINEER 2000i entitled "Adding Flexibility to the Design Process", dated August 1999" (paper # 7, page 3). However, from the cover page of the submitted document, it appears to be a Review of Parametric Technology Corporation Pro/ENGINEER 2000i "Adding Flexibility to the Design Process" from CIMdata, Inc. It is noted that Applicants have admitted (page 3, lines 22-24) that they were aware of Pro/ENGINEER 2000i prior to their filing date. Therefore, please note the following Requirement for Information under 37 C.F.R. 1.105.

Requirement for Information - 37 C.F.R. § 1.105

2. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

- Pro/Engineer 2000i: The Examiner requires user's manuals for "Pro/ENGINEER 2000i" which Applicants refer to in the specification (page 3, lines 22-24):

"For purposes of the discussion below, it is presumed that the CAD package is the Pro/ENGINEER 2000i package from Parametric Technology Corporation of Waltham, Massachusetts".

3. The information is also required to enter in the record the art suggested by the applicant as relevant to this examination in the specification (page 3, lines 22-24):

- User's manuals for Pro/Engineer 2000i (as well as earlier versions): Applicants refer to "Pro/ENGINEER 2000i" in the specification (page 3, lines 22-24):

"For purposes of the discussion below, it is presumed that the CAD package is the Pro/ENGINEER 2000i package from Parametric Technology Corporation of Waltham, Massachusetts".

4. In response to this requirement, please provide a copy of the following item of art referred to in the specification (page 3, lines 22-24):

- User's manuals for Pro/Engineer 2000i (as well as earlier versions).

5. For the reasons provided, the commercially available user's manuals for "Pro/ENGINEER 2000i" is considered especially relevant to the instant application and should be submitted to the Examiner for consideration. The text accompanying the submitted document, "Review of Parametric Technology Corporation Pro/ENGINEER 2000i", provides descriptions which indicate that the detailed technical manuals will be considered very relevant and appear to be essential to the instant invention and claims, and therefore, the Applicants are required to provide the office with copies of the technical manuals for consideration. The Examiner requires the user's manuals, which have already been made available to the public, because the Examiner needs to consider them in so far as they appear to be material to the patentability of the application as per 37 C FR. 1.56.

6. The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope

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of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97.

7. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item. Applicants are reminded that they have referred to the material in page 3 of the specification

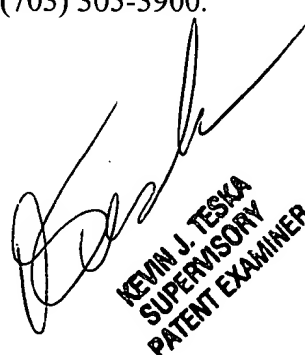
8. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 2 months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Herng-der Day whose telephone number is (703) 305-5269. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin J Teska can be reached on (703) 305-9704. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 746-7239 for regular communications and (703) 746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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